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Amdt. dated May 10, 2004  
Reply to Office Action of 04/14/2004

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT: Clinton J. McCutchen )  
SERIAL NO.: 10/016,353 )  
FILED: 12/10/2001 )  
FOR: Back-Flow Valve and Trigger )  
For Cleaning Machine )  
DOCKET NO.: 006403.00002 )  
ART UNIT: 3857 )

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Commissioner for Patents  
Mail Stop Nonfee Amendment, P.O. Box 1450  
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NONCOMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

In response to the Notice of Noncompliant Amendment dated April 14, 2004, the entire "Amendments to the claims" section of the "Response to Office Action Dated May 21, 2003" is re-submitted below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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